

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SPENDING ON NORTH-EASTERN REGION  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Ministries and Departments are actually spending 10% of their budgetary allocation on the North-Eastern region as mandated by Government of India policy;
- (b) if so, the Ministry/department-wise details for the last three years; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for deviation from the Government of India policy and the corrective measures taken in this direction?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b): The year wise allocation and expenditure under earmarked funds for North-Eastern region by 52 non-exempted Ministries/ Departments during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10, as furnished by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), is annexed.

(c): The Ministry of DoNER is taking steps to enhance the efficiency in utilisation of 10% of the earmarked Gross Budgetary Support by non-exempted Ministries. The Ministry of DoNER has constituted 7 Committees for the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Food Processing, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Textiles, Department of School Education & Literacy, for an in-depth review of their schemes in terms of suitability for implementation in the North East Region. The Planning Commission has informed that the subject divisions of the Commission in their quarterly reviews of counterpart sectoral line Central Ministries/ Departments shall be underscoring the need for framing of better schemes or the components within the existing schemes to suit the North East Region.